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## PRONOUNS

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There are three Pronoun Cases:

1. **Subjective case:** pronouns used as subject
2. **Objective case:** pronouns used as objects of verbs or prepositions
3. **Possessive case:** pronouns which express ownership

### **Pronouns as SUBJECTS**

I  
you  
he, she, it  
we  
they  
who

### **Pronouns as OBJECTS**

me  
you  
him, her, it  
us  
them  
whom

### **Pronouns that show POSSESSION**

my (mine)  
your (yours)  
his, her (hers), it (its)  
our (ours)  
their (theirs)  
whose

The pronouns THIS, THAT, THESE, THOSE, and WHICH do not change form.

**Some problems of case:**

1. **In compound structures, where there are two pronouns or a noun and a pronoun, drop the other noun for a moment. Then you can see which case you should use.**

**NOT:** Bob and me travel a good deal.

(Would you say, "me travel"?)

**CORRECT:** Bob and I travel a good deal.

**NOT:** He gave the flowers to Jane and I.

(Would you say, "he gave the flowers to I"?)

**CORRECT:** He gave the flowers to Jane and me.

**NOT:** Us men like the coach.

(Would you say, "us like the coach"?)

**CORRECT:** We men like the coach.

- 2. In comparisons. Comparisons are really shorthand sentences which usually omit words, such as those in the parentheses in the sentences below. If you complete the comparison in your head, you can choose the correct case for the pronoun. Comparisons usually follow *than* or *as*:**

He is taller than I (am tall).

**NOT:** He is taller than me.

(Would you say, "He is taller than me am tall"?)

This helps you as much as (it helps) me.

She is as noisy as I (am noisy).

### Using Pronouns Clearly

#### Exercises:

1. John and \_\_\_\_ took the car for a drive.  
A. Me            B. I
2. \_\_\_\_ teachers enjoy vacations as much as the students.  
A. We            B. Us
3. John is not smarter than \_\_\_\_ .  
A. I                B. me
4. If a car needs gas, \_\_\_\_ needs to be driven to a gas station.  
A. they            B. it
5. Everybody should try \_\_\_\_ best on the test.  
A. his or her      B. their
6. Neither of the boys confessed to \_\_\_\_ crime.  
A. their            B. his
7. Neither passenger had \_\_\_\_ seatbelts on.  
A. their            B. her
8. If a student is hungry, \_\_\_\_ can eat in the cafeteria.  
A. he                B. they

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#### Answers:

1. B      2. A      3. A      4. B      5. A      6. B      7. B      8. A.